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1. The MINSK MVD office is located on the highway running to SMOLENSK, in a large 6-or 7-story building, about 650 feet east of the Lenin House. This office employed about 150 officers, 70 to 80 women typists, and an unknown number of other personnel. It is guarded by an MVD detail of 24 men equipped with submachine guns.
2. The office is directly subordinate to the MOSCOW Ministry of the Interior (MVD), and exercised command over the entire White Russian SSR.
3. A new MVD radio station was established in 1948, about 4 to 4½ miles northeast of the city. It has 7 or 9 about 50-foot-high radio transmission towers, set in a circle. The towers are built of steel girders and connected by parasol-type antennas. The transmitting station is located in a bunker in the center of the circle formed by the radio towers. Another MVD radio station, built earlier, is located in the southeastern sector of the city. Both radio stations were connected with the MVD building by an underground cable in 1948.
4. The MVD personnel wore blue-bordered red epaulets and blue caps. Most were armed with submachine guns and pistols, some with rifles. The MVD motor pool had about 50 passenger cars (mostly captured German vehicles) and 53 trucks (most of them Studebaker, some ZIS).

25X1 Comment: Information on the Minsk MVD office was contained in a previous report.* The present and previous reports indicate that the Minsk MVD office is the MVD headquarters for the White Russian MD.

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